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Police Blame Lack Of Surveillance For Thefts

By Chevonne Bray
Bullet Staff Writer

Between Sept. 22 and Sept. 29 at least eight car stereos were stolen within the near vicinity of campus. Police have yet to make an arrests for any of the thefts.

Several of the stereos were stolen from cars parked at the Battleground. According to Lieutenant Rick Knick, there is no constant surveillance in that area, which may account for the thefts.

According to senior Brian McMurray, a victim of the stereo thefts, his missing stereo came as a total shock.

"[The college] said when I came here that crime was minimal. For all that stuff to be stolen in one day, it surprised me," said McMurray, referring to the fact that six of the stereos were stolen on Sept. 22.

Some students feel the far location of the Battleground adds to the possibility of things being stolen.

"It just really stinks that first years have to park there," said sophomore Cristin Cini, a resident assistant in a freshman hall. "The Battleground Lot is just so far away from the school."

Historically, the Battleground and the William Street and Sunken Road lots are hot spots for thefts due to their remote locations. According to police officials, the thefts are usually executed at one time, involving several vehicles at a time. The thieves are experts and leave little or no traceable evidence behind.

One theft this semester even involved a vehicle itself. The incident occurred at Goolrick Hall late in September. Police officials said only two auto thefts have occurred in the past year.

Knick said one component of the problem is an understaffed and overworked police force. The campus police officers are doing double and triple duty and are lacking the resources and manpower to properly guard the campus, he said.

The campus police did apply for a police grant, which would have created two new positions on their staff and provided money to install a surveillance system at the Battleground to monitor the lot 24 hours a day.

"[This] is not only cop's problem but the college

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Cars in campus parking lots have come under assault from thieves recently. Two weeks ago seven car stereos and one car were stolen from the lots.

Watkins Published Against Odds

By Jenine M. Zimmers
Bullet Associate Editor

In the spring of 1995, Steve Watkins, associate professor of English, took an unpaid leave of absence to finish writing a book. He raced to finish for his six-month deadline, while he and his family struggled financially.

Then, at the last minute, his publishing company backed out on him. Watkins' book, *The Black O: Racism and Redemption in an American Corporate Empire*, was not going to come out after all.

Yet the story has a happy ending. Watkins got another publisher, the University of Georgia Press, and his book made it into stores this fall.

The original publishers must be kicking themselves now. *The Black*

O was one of four books dealing with racial issues that made the Washington Post's list of highlights in fall publishing. Watkins' book has also recently been nominated for the 1998 James A. Rawley Prize, sponsored by the Organization of American Historians.

The Black O delves into the scandal surrounding Shoney's restaurant chain, which includes Captain D's, and the discriminatory hiring process that the chain practiced.

"It's a sort of detective story about the largest racial class action suit in history," Watkins said.

The ordeal began in 1988 when Billie and Henry Elliott, two white restaurant managers at Captain D's, complained about Shoney's discriminatory procedures.

"They said, 'Look, we got fired

from our manager job at Captain D's because we wouldn't reduce the number of black workers,'" Watkins said. "The circle of discrimination grew wider and wider until it led to the company headquarters."

Ray Danner, the diminutive head of Shoney's was known for flying around the country to different restaurants and using his common expression in a place where he thought too many blacks were employed— "Lighten up the place,"

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Campaign Omits Higher Education

By Matt Galeone
Bullet Staff Writer

With the gubernatorial election weeks away, Mary Washington College students are concerned that candidates are not addressing the problems of higher education.

"No, I would say I feel I get from it, from the ads and the campaigns, is that higher education is not a big deal," said Sarah Gilbert, senior and student government legislative action affairs committee chairperson. "Education in general, yes, and the funds for elementary education. If I'm not getting any message, than I don't think anyone else is."

The biggest problem facing higher education is funding.

"We in Virginia are a state with

relatively high tuition and low funding," said Ron Singleton, vice president for college relations and legislative affairs. "This is a concern on both parties. I will say that we need to try for more funding for higher education."

Local party representatives on both sides agree that higher education has not been a priority.

"It doesn't seem to be a topic at all, there just isn't money there right now," said Greg Carnel, chairperson of the Fredericksburg republican committee and supporter of Jim Gilmore.

"I think both men will continue to support the tuition freeze. The state of higher education is obviously a very important issue," Carnel said.

Harold Banister, local democratic party representative for candidate

Don Beyer, explains that the democratic party is not ignoring higher education problems, but focusing more on elementary education concerns.

"I do understand higher education is now the forefront. What we are trying to do is prepare for the next generation," said Banister. "We have a generation in college, and while we want to better their environment, it's important to support students in high school, prepare them to go on to college."

With the race so close, and the election approaching, Stephen Farnsworth, instructor of political science at MWC, said that higher education may begin to get some more attention.

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Seacobeck Stands Firm Against Bags

By Bethany Johnston
Bullet Opinions Editor

The Wood Company has begun to enforce the policy of no backpacks in the dining rooms of Seacobeck.

Even though this topic is causing quite a bit of controversy, it is not a new one. According to Susan Worrell, director of dining services, this policy has been in effect and enforced for as long as the Wood Company has been at MWC. It was even the policy when the previous food service company was here.

"This is not a new policy. A new student may not know the policy, so we tell them that they may not bring [backpacks] in," Worrell said.

Worrell went on to say that an issue is made of the no backpack rule every year, but with time it is usually down.

"I never knew it was a rule. I thought it was an issue of convenience. I've never had a problem bringing my backpack in," said senior Mariam Zerhouni.

The reasoning behind this policy has been attributed to many factors. Worrell explained that some students steal whole loves of bread and dozens of pieces of fruit during their visit, and this is simply too costly to the school.

"Normally people on the five meal plan try to augment that plan by stealing food," she said.

Space is also a reason for banning bags. According to Worrell, with so many people going through dining halls during meals, backpacks that are on the backs of chairs can get in the way.

The final reason for the rule is that the

Wood Company, like the bookstore, is a separate business that profits from students and, according to Kristen Puma, a student manager at Seacobeck, because the bookstore does not allow bags in the store, neither does Seacobeck.

Students who wish to study while eating at Seacobeck are confronted with a problem.

Worrell stated that students are allowed to get their books from their bags after getting food, or bring books in with them to their meals.

Another question raised is whether or not students are allowed an unlimited quantity of food when in the dining halls.

"[Seacobeck] is all you can eat for the period of time that we are open. As long as you are in the dining room, you can eat all that you want," Worrell said.

Worrell suggested that students not keep valuables in their bookbags while they eat if they are worried about leaving them in the front.

"We have had more incidences of people leaving backpacks then people stealing them," she said.

Some students believe that with the implied trust of the MWC honor system, there is it is dumb to use the honor system as a punishment and not as a way of trusting students," said sophomore Adam Berenback.

An issue has been brought up with the honor council about alleged signs in Seacobeck stating that it is an honor offense to bring backpacks into the dining rooms.



Diana May/Bullet

Banned backpacks sit outside the dining hall.

Mandy Grandle, honor council president, dispelled this accusation.

"It is not an honor offense to take your backpack anywhere on this campus; it is an honor offense to steal. I don't want this to scare people from the honor system and make them disrespect it," Grandle said.

Worrell explained that the Wood Company respects the honor system at MWC.

"We believe that everybody should be trusting. You can trust that your backpack will be there when you get back from eating, and if you need your books, you can go back and get them," Worrell said.



Not Such A Thin Line

Students camped out the night before Indigo Girls tickets went on sale on Oct. 5. Indigo Girls come to campus on Oct. 21.

Police Beat

By Chevonne Bray
Bullet Staff Writer

MISCELLANEOUS

On Sept. 25 there was a fire alarm in duPont hall. The alarm was set off by a member of the housekeeping staff.

On Sept. 28 there was a administration confiscation of alcohol at Willard Hall.

On Sept. 28 there was a fire alarm in the Student Accounts office in George Washington Hall.

On Sept. 28 there was a harassing phone call made to a student in New Hall. The perpetrator was identified but the victim declined to prosecute. The situation is being handled by the Administration.

On Sept. 30 a suspicious person was seen at Washington Avenue. The individual has been identified.

On Oct. 2 a crossdresser was seen in the area of New Hall. The male who was dressed in female clothing was not a student. The subject was identified and is under investigation.

On Oct. 2 an intoxicated student from Randolph Hall was allowed to stay in Night Haven.

On Oct. 3 a police information report was taken concerning an e-mail chain letter the situation is under investigation.

On Oct. 3 there was a fire alarm in Jefferson Hall. Burnt food was the cause of the alarm.

On Oct. 3 there was a police information report concerning a book buyer being seen in Monroe and Trinkle Hall.

On Oct. 4 there was a fire alarm in Mason Hall. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

On Oct. 6 there was a fire alarm in Marshall Hall. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

LARCENY

On Sept. 25 a watch was stolen from Goolrick Hall. The watch is valued at \$60.

On Sept. 26 a stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked

at the Battleground. The item is valued at \$300.

On Sept. 29 Anne Lee of Randolph Hall was charged with three counts of petty larceny for the theft of money.

On Sept. 29 a stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked at the Battleground. The item is valued at \$250.

On Sept. 30 a mountain bike was stolen from Hanover Street. The item is valued at \$600.

On Oct. 1 a wallet was stolen from Combs Hall.

On Oct. 1 a wallet was stolen from Marshall Hall.

On Oct. 1 there was a police information report taken about a man looking into windows at Mason Hall.

On Oct. 3 there was a stereo stolen from a vehicle parked in the William Street lot.

On Oct. 5 there was a MWC ID card and a set of keys were stolen from the Eagles Nest.

On Oct. 6 a wallet was stolen from Monroe Hall.

ILLNESS/INJURY

On Sept. 25 a student injured his right ankle at the Battleground. The student received the injury during soccer practice and was taken to the Health Center for treatment.

On Oct. 5 a student in Mason Hall fell ill with a fever and was taken to the hospital by rescue squad.

On Oct. 5 a student in Marshall Hall was complaining of vomiting and was taken to the hospital by the rescue squad.

DUI/DIP

On Sept. 25 Kristie Oshs of Fredericksburg was charged with a DUI at Route 1 and Route 3

On Oct. 2 Alison Tucker of Fairfax Station was charged with DUI at Sunken Road and William Street.

On Oct. 2 Sam Chambers of Spotsylvania was charged with DUI at College Avenue and Seacopeck Street.

VANDALISM

On Oct. 1 a student vandalized state property in Jefferson Hall. The individual confessed and the situation is being handled by the administration.

News Briefs

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

• From Sept. 5 to Oct. 26 the Ridderhof Martin Gallery and the duPont Gallery will have an exhibition entitled "Mid-Atlantic New Painting '97." The galleries' hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free of charge.

• Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are available at the information desk in Woodard Campus Center, and in the Office of Student Affairs in 200 Lee Hall. Seniors and juniors who have acceptable academic averages with co-curricular activities are eligible to apply. Students may apply by completing and returning an application; it is not necessary to be nominated. Applications are to be completed and returned to the Office of Student Affairs by 5 p.m. on October 17, 1997.

• ICA new club formation workshops will be held on Oct. 16 or Nov. 13. They will cover step-by-step process for getting a new club approved, including how to create your constitution. All workshops will begin at 4 p.m. in meeting room 2 of the campus center. Contact Melissa Rizzo, ICA president, at X1805 with questions or to register for one of the workshops.

• The Inter-club Association is the coordinating organization that recognizes new clubs and supervises all officially recognized MWC clubs. Open positions for the 1997-1998 school year include vice president, secretary/treasurer and the five members of the constitution review committee. Applications are available at the information desk. Contact Melissa Rizzo, ICA president, at X1805 with any questions. The only requirements are energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to completing tasks within a specified time frame.

• Daniel Preston, editor of The Papers of James Monroe, will give a lecture on Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall in room 104. The title of the lecture is "Monroe's Foreign Policy Achievements." The lecture is free. Questions, (540) 654-1043.

• Sylvia De Swann, photographer, will give a lecture entitled "Return" in Chandler Hall room 102 at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 16. Questions, (540) 654-2038.

• The MWC Multicultural Center and the Spotsylvania Black Civic League will sponsor the Black Image Awards on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. Ticket sales will benefit the Good Hope School. Ticket prices are advance sales program only, \$25; at the door, \$30; program and black tie reception advance sales only, \$35.

• The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center at Mary Washington College will hold a "Steps to Starting Your Own Business Seminar" on Saturday, Oct. 25 in room 112 of Seacopeck Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The seminar is open to the public. There is a \$25 materials fee and participants should bring a calculator. Deadline for registration is Thursday, Oct. 23. Call the RRSBDC at (540) 654-1060 for more information.

• "True American Heroes from the Civil War to the Present" will be the topic of the Fredericksburg Forum for the first program of the 1997-1998 season. The forum will be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. Historian Shelby Foote will be the featured speaker and journalist Charles McDowell will act as the commentator and moderator. The forum is open to the public and tickets may be obtained by calling (540) 654-1276.

• "Fredericksburg AIDS Walk '97" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, rain or shine. Registration is at 9 a.m. in Ball Circle on the campus of Mary Washington College. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. Pre-registration materials can be obtained from the Office of Student Activities in Woodard Campus Center or from the Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services. All proceeds go directly to FAHASS. Questions can be directed to the Office of Student Activities at (540) 654-1061 or to FAHASS at (540) 371-5732.

• Matthew F. Trundle, a visiting British scholar, will present a lecture titled "The Greek Mercenary Explosion of the Fourth Century BC" on Tuesday, Oct. 7. The lecture will begin at 5 p.m. in Monroe 104 and is open to the public free of charge.

• "Fiddlesticks," a short, classical musical program for children will be held in Lee Hall Ballroom on Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow on the terrace of Lee Hall. Questions, (540) 654-1012 or (540) 373-3045.

• On Oct. 22, James McBride will give a lecture in Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m. McBride is the author of *The Color of Water*, a New York Times bestseller about the author's Jewish mother who raised twelve black children in a Brooklyn housing project. Questions, (540) 654-1044.

• The Mary Washington College Chorus will hold a concert in Dodd Auditorium on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. The concert is free. Questions, (540) 654-1012.

• On Oct. 29, award-winning poet Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni will deliver a lecture titled "Being an Asian American Writer in the USA" in Lee Hall Ballroom at 7 p.m. The lecture is free. Questions, (540) 654-1044.

Senate Beat

By Betsy O'Neill
Bullet Staff Writer

Last week in Senate, the biggest issue discussed concerned the approval of posters and fliers by the Office of Student Activities.

Sophomore Maylian Pak and Cheryl Elliott suggested the close examination of the "criteria which Student Affairs follows...to approve posters and handouts and make sure criteria are followed."

The main reason for this scrutiny, according to Elliott, was that some students had found a certain poster "offensive," with possible "racial" undertones. The figure in the poster had darkish skin and fat lips, according to Elliott.

Elliott said that Student Affairs should "pay attention to what they're approving."

According to SGA President Erika Giainino, who looked into it this past week, Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs, saw the original, which was in color, and it was of a clown. The poster came out darker when it was copied.

"It wasn't meant to be offensive, and the original wasn't meant to be seen that way," she said.

Giainino also said that if someone finds a flier or handout offensive, the first thing to do is call the contact number on the flier. The next step is to go to the Council on Community Values, headed by Chirico, and then to student activities, which is where posters and handouts are approved.

In other issues, Pak suggested that a MWC sign be put up on Route 3 signaling the college, "so that the drivers may be able to see the school's name from the road."

"We're a part of this community, too," she said.

Other issues that passed from last week include, looking into the price of replacement ID cards, the status of ID cards as keys to residence halls, outdoor lighting at the basketball court behind Bushnell Hall, and the possibility of better lighting on the walkway behind Bush Hall.

This week the most controversial issue was brought

up by junior Chris Hitzelberger. He stated that a change was necessary in the general education requirement for foreign languages to pass/fail or the creation of a 103/104 level for non-majors. This other level, if created, would be "less rigorous."

Many senators were opposed to Hitzelberger's argument. They felt that Mary Washington's high educational status might decrease if students to took their languages - or any other general education classes - as pass/fail, or at a lower level. Junior Michael Carty was one of those senators.

"Mary Washington College is a competitive school," Carty said. "I think it looks a lot better when our school challenges us instead of offering pass/fail."

Although there were a lot of people against Hitzelberger's argument, his suggestion passed in the Senate, and will be looked into.

Senior Anne Daugherty suggested that the Class Council postpone Halloween celebrations on the 31st until possibly November first. She felt the seniors taking the GRE exam the morning of the first would not be able to participate in the festivities.

"Seniors have missed out on a lot of the traditions this year," Daugherty said. "I'd like to pass it...so seniors can have a voice." This suggestion passed.

Senior Liz Siciliano complained about the high temperature of the basement of the gym in a new motion: "The temperature, especially in the basement (workout room) is inappropriately unsafe, uncomfortable, and ridiculously warm."

She suggested the addition of a new air conditioning unit. This motion passed, and will be looked into.

Blaine Ashworth motioned for a poll to get the students' opinion on the new format for the handbook. This motion passed.

Freshman Matthew Roberts, at the request of some of his peers, motioned for the Wood Company to look into the possibility that extra meals be either converted to flex dollars or be "carried over into the next week." This motion passed, although some of the senators are wary about whether anything will be done about it.

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community's problem" says Knick

However, McMurray is upset that no one has been charged with these crimes.

"It's pretty hard to steal a car and get away with it," he said. "I have little faith that anyone around here will be able to find clues... While my stereo was being stolen, the police were probably giving me a parking ticket."

According to Knick, college students need to be more aware of their environment and what is going on.

"If you see people who look suspicious or odd, take a moment to call it in to the police," he said.

Knick added that stolen items do not usually return to public sale, but are sold on the black market. The police monitor the serial numbers of merchandise that flow into pawn shops. The pawn shops are required by law to report their sales to police every 24 hours.

Police attempt to locate stolen merchandise by using the Virginia Criminal Information Network, a statewide computer database. The database is exclusive to police, and is used to match corresponding evidence with past offenders.

In the event that the offenders cannot be located on the state database, the police search the National Computer Information Network.

In the recent William Street and College Avenue thefts, some latent finger prints were found and put into the state database.

The campus police have instituted measures to help ensure theft prevention. According to Knick, the police are allowed to do informal inquiries of suspicious persons. Police simply ask individuals if they would not mind answering a few questions and students usually agree without a second thought.

E-mail is another resource that the police are now using to prevent crime and also inform the campus. During a recent magazine solicitation case, the police sent out descriptions of off-campus solicitors. The response from the e-mail was instrumental in apprehending the solicitors.

The police suggest that students check their vehicles as often as possible and if they own additional car audio equipment that they know the serial number of those items. If the item is stolen knowing the serial number will help in getting the merchandise back.

In Memory

Sherry Tucker, administrative assistant for Psychological Services department, died Sept. 22. She was an important part of this school especially in her duties in Lee Hall.

"She was the first point of contact for distressed students," said Barbara Wagar, director of psychological services.

Tucker's duties included setting appointments and having personal contact with all students. She added a part of herself to everyone she talked to. Known for her excellent judgement of students and exactly what they needed, Tucker was the first person students spoke to or saw and was a necessary link between students and the department.

Tucker began her work at Mary Washington in February of 1969 and stayed until February of 1974. She later returned in 1979 and had been here ever since. Tucker, formerly of Stafford, had a degree in psychological counseling.

Tucker kept order in the department by watching over all the little administrative details that keep an office running, such as budgeting, correspondences and maintaining appointments. She was trusted by many for her compassion and confidentiality and was a source of comfort for those who sought it. She impacted many lives on campus, and she will be greatly missed.

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OPINIONS

Censorship Hits Fred

After celebrating the freedom to read during Banned Book Week, it might be time to consider having another "freedom" celebration—Banned Movie Week.

As reported in this week's Bullet (page 8), R/C Theaters, with the approval of the Paramount Company, has decided to ban Morgan Freeman's newest movie "Kiss The Girls" from local venues. All of this is based on the recent tragedies surrounding the murders of the Lisk girls and Sophia Silva. Paramount Pictures banned the movie from Fredericksburg after R/C Theaters received a complaint from a local resident claiming that running "Kiss The Girls" would be in poor taste to show a movie whose premise is all too familiar to the community of Fredericksburg.

Poor taste or not, Paramount's decision to pull the movie is, in a word, censorship.

It is surprising that a large company like Paramount pulled its own movie from the local theaters. To some it may seem admirable that Paramount is sacrificing some profit for the sake of a community's feelings; however, if we are so concerned with this community's feelings concerning this particular movie, then why not pull the book from the shelves of Waldenbooks?

Surely, James Patterson, the book's author, wouldn't mind yanking his novel from local stores so as not to offend anyone, right? While we're at, because just about all mystery novels concern a murder, possibly an abduction, and almost always have a tragic ending, we should probably ban those too.

And since we're on a roll, let's ban all books studying serial killers too, because it might hurt someone's feelings. Afterall, we wouldn't want to read and learn about what truly lurks inside a serial killer's mind in order to possibly apprehend them. Nah, that might make someone actually deal with reality, and we certainly wouldn't want that.

Paramount's decision is an insult to anyone with any perception of real life. Tragedies of the same magnitude as the murder/abduction of the Lisk girls and of Sophia Silva are all too common in today's world. Banning the movie will not make them go away; these tragedies still live with us no matter what is playing at the theater.

Obviously, though, some residents of Fredericksburg can not deal with reality and Paramount's decision to ban "Kiss The Girls" is just as frightening as the movie's premise.

If a major corporation is willing to bow to the wishes of people afraid of the real world, who knows what will be banned next.

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Beyer Focuses On Issues Not Name Calling

By Renee Serena
Guest Columnist

On Nov. 4, Virginia will elect its new governor. This year's race has been one of issues and name calling: democrat Don Beyer has been focusing on the issues and republican Jim Gilmore has resorted to name calling.

Don Beyer has plans to "build a better Virginia," which includes improving the educational system, protecting the environment and giving Virginians a tax credit on

their personal property tax.

As lieutenant governor, Don Beyer has already worked for smaller class sizes in public schools and an end to social promotion, that is promoting students to the next grade level who have not adequately mastered the skills of their current grade level.

As governor, he will continue to work for education by raising teacher salaries to the national average (currently Virginia teachers are paid 8 percent below the national average), and by providing college scholarships for 100,000 graduating high school students in financial need.

Beyer's commitment to education

stems from the fact that he is a business man and he knows that in order to attract businesses to Virginia we must provide them with a well educated work force.

Because of Beyer's commitment to education, he is endorsed by the Virginia Education Association.

Don Beyer is also committed to protecting our environment. As governor, Beyer will rebuild the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Under the Allen administration, 30 career DEQ employees were fired and replaced by Allen supporters who had little to no experience with

environmental protection. Beyer will staff the DEQ with experienced professionals who care more about the environment than politics.

Beyer will enforce laws on polluters and will work to clean up our rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Don Beyer will give Virginians a tax credit on their personal property tax. Individuals will receive a credit up to \$150 and married couples will receive a credit up to \$250.

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Break The Silence

Student Shows Support For White Ribbon Campaign

By Chandra DasGupta
Guest Columnist

Props to the on-campus organization Men Against Domestic Violence. For so many years all the violations and abuse against women have been women's responsibility.

Women were the one that had the self-defense courses, they are the ones that have counseling, the ones that have to leave their homes, the ones that have to start over again.

Finally, there is an organization by men, for men. It's about time that men started taking responsibility for some of the abusive members of their gender and start to raise awareness.

This October, Men Against Domestic Violence celebrate their fourth year on Mary Washington's campus with the White Ribbon Campaign.

They will be handing out ribbons the week of October 20-25, and there will be tickets sold for \$1 to raffle off a donated mountain bike.

The proceeds will go to either RCASA or RCDV. (The Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault and The Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence)

As of right now, Men Against

Domestic Violence has about twenty members. This is the biggest following so far.

I think more men should get involved because seriously, in theory, very few men will say that they are pro-Domestic Violence. This organization is so easy to get involved in, really there is no excuse not to.

The campaign originated in Canada, and was brought to MWC's campus by Dr. Chris Kilmartin four years ago.

This is the year the organization is co-chaired by Bob Franklin, the assistant director for Mason and Randolph halls, who lectures against domestic violence and counsels men

who have a history of domestic violence.

This organization is for men, and I personally think it's a travesty that more men are not involved on this campus.

In this society, the great majority of victims of domestic violence are women. So why are the victims coerced into cynicism, into fear, into panic because of what can only be described as the downfalls of men?

I do not consider myself a feminist, simply a believer in

Fairfax Going To Pot

By Andrew Ward
Guest Columnist

In spring of 1997, an informal survey of 350 seniors in five Fairfax County schools was taken by a team of sociology class.

78 percent of the high-school seniors had tried marijuana at least once and 42 percent smoked it regularly (Regularly meaning at least twice a month).

84 percent

have gotten drunk on at least one occasion and 62 percent continue to drink on a regular basis.

24.3 percent, nearly a quarter of the 1997

graduating class, had dropped acid at least once. That's up 15 percent from the national average of 9 percent.

Our upcoming leaders are, by contemporary standards,

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Bullet Letter and Column Policy

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FEATURES

Nat'l Banned Book Week Celebrated At MWC

By Jeremiah Stoddard
Bullet Staff Writer

On Sept. 23, students at Mary Washington College celebrated the freedom of expression by reading passages from banned and challenged books. The event, sponsored by the college bookstore, was part of National Banned Book Week, a national celebration of the freedom to read.

Books that were read from included *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Lorax*, *Naked Lunch* and *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Before the readings started, students milled about, either preparing their readings or just curiously looking about. Julie Ciccarone, assistant director of Virginia Hall, didn't read but said she was "curious about what was banned and why certain books have been banned."

Some books are banned or challenged because they may portray ideas contrary to the "national interest" or may be offensive to some groups. Also, the ideas expressed by some authors can be considered too extreme or just too progressive for their taste.

Sophomore Lydie Kane said, "This campus needs a bit of a shock." Kane was going to read from Allen Ginsberg. She added that books are an "expression of self, and when you take their words away, you take away their life."

The event started at 7:40 p.m. with a symbolic book burning. The books that were burned were old, decrepit, unusable books donated by Simpson Library for the event.

Some students were confused about the burning, but were reassured

by Bob Franklin, assistant director of Randolph and Mason Halls, that the burning was merely a symbolic wake-up call to the campus that book burnings have occurred and still happen in some countries.

Franklin used the example of Nazi Germany in his opening speech to the small crowd in front of the Underground. On May 10, 1933, German students were urged by the Nazis to bring books to burn in order to pay homage to party propaganda. One Nazi stated, according to Franklin, that "the age of intellectualism is done."

Heinrich Heim, an opponent of Nazi fanaticism, said at the time, "It's a small step from burning books to burning people." Heim's prophetic statement proved to be gruesomely true when Hitler instituted the Final Solution: the ethnic genocide of Jews and other "undesirables" in Germany and elsewhere by means of gas chambers and cremation of the bodies.

Franklin, against the poignant backdrop of ashes from the cremated books rising into the night sky, said, "Burning books doesn't get rid of the idea."

Franklin read the first book, *Alice in Wonderland*, which is still banned in China because it depicts animals acting in a human manner.

He was followed by Belinda Collins, whose heartfelt reading of the childhood classic *The Giving Tree* left many students at the event wondering why someone would ban children's books. *The Giving Tree* was banned in 1988 in a Boulder, Colorado library because it was "too sexy."

Stuart Turkelson, a junior who read a selection from the highly appropriate *Fahrenheit 451*, said, "It's awful to ban books. Whoever banned *Fahrenheit 451* wasn't thinking, and obviously hadn't read it."

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A Mission In Bosnia

An MWC Student Visits The Site Of A Former Sarajevo Concentration Camp

Second in a Series of Articles

By Inger P. Brinck
Special to the Bullet

I want to believe that things will improve, but how is that possible when the individuals who are supposed to be protecting the victims are furthering their victimization?

As we spoke to survivors, attended more meetings, and traveled to more places, we learned of how the U.N. participated in the systematic rape warfare against women. This, how the day ensued.

We hired a driver to take us to Zenica (pronounced Zenitza), a small city approximately fifty miles north of Sarajevo. During the war, a successful medical center was established there to care for the locals and also the thousands of Bosnian refugees that were flooding the city. An estimated 20,000 refugees fled to Zenica during the war.

It was there that we met with the only psychologist that we would encounter during our entire visit. It was amazing to witness her strength and the strength of the other survivors who have worked to help others since the war began. Their trauma was visible, however; anxious stares and nervous hands accompanied by black humor. During the meeting the psychologist took her pack of cigarettes and before drawing one for herself she offered to everyone and joked, "Anyone else feeling suicidal?"

Although their center has provided efficient care for thousands of people, they have been forced to discontinue certain services because of a lack of funding and because of the government. Although the center is non-governmental, the government ultimately has control of its existence, and so abortions could no longer be provided after the war ended. The government only wanted abortions to be provided at hospitals, or in other words, government facilities, where they would have control over who was

receiving abortions and when and how.

Since we had a vehicle and a driver for an entire day, we decided to travel as extensively as possible. We made a brief stop in Sarajevo to change clothes, eat, drop off an exhausted colleague, and then we

the other rape/concentration camps (like Omarska) is that the Sonja House fronted as a brothel. Women from Visoko were imprisoned there, and not only were the Serbian nationalists executing their systematic genocidal plans through rape and sexual torture, but U.N. officials were known to have frequented the camp. So I return to my initial question—How can rapists be humanitarians?

The facade of Sonja House is quaint; in Old English style, it has a country appeal. However, as I swung my legs over the metal gate that barricaded the main driveway, and stood only ten feet in front, I felt as though I had been knocked down by a vicious wave—the kind that makes you afraid of the sea forever.

Soon I heard echoes of screams reverberate between my temples. I walked more with my eyes than my feet, fixated in trying to find anything silver. We were not aware of who had occupied the area last, and since the war, silver had become a synonym for landmine. We were told that landmines could not be placed within concrete, but I was not convinced. Certainly there were cracks and crevices that could make nice little landmine homes. I would allow myself the paranoia that potentially, they could be anywhere.

The windows on the bottom floor were small, with broken glass and barred with iron rods, just like I imagine the windows of prisons. One of my colleagues called me over to a window and asked me to examine the scene. I peered through an opening between two shards of glass. There, on the cement ground was a crumpled white sheet gathered to the right side of a piece of cardboard that seemed to have served as a mattress. I gave my eyes a moment to adjust to the darkness,

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Habiba and Sabiha, Bosnian women who help orphaned children and sexually abused women.

continued to a place known as the Sonja House. The House is located in Visoko, a small town just outside of Sarajevo.

Before the war, the Sonja House was a coffee shop type of place; during the war, it was converted to a rape and torture camp. The main difference between the Sonja House and



Joe Pittman/Bullet
Ren Fields, a certified yoga instructor, demonstrates yoga technique to participants in last weekend's conference.

Conference Hosted By Ecology Club

By Olivia Synnott
Special to the Bullet

Students interested in promoting environmental awareness had the opportunity this weekend to do just that at this year's Student Environmental Action Coalition Conference. The weekend-long run of events was hosted by Mary Washington College and took place from Oct. 3-5.

The SEAC is a student-run organization comprised of 16 regional branches across the United States. The coalition works to educate students and the public about current environmental concerns.

Each year the conference is hosted by a member school from each regional chapter. Other schools in attendance at the event were University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, James Madison University, Washington and Lee University, the College of William and Mary, and others.

Rick Spencer of the National Wildlife Federation gave a speech stressing the importance of staying informed about environmental issues and activism. He also provided students with effective methods of publicizing environmental concerns by way of the Internet, petitions and letters to politicians.

Constance Pinto, a native of the troubled nation of East Timor, was brought to the conference by MWC's Students For Human Rights club. He related stories of his life in the corrupt nation and brought to light stories of corrupt politics and torture tactics that he experienced. Students were especially moved by Pinto's story.

"It was a very powerful, moving speech. I had never heard of East Timor before, and he told us that one third of their population was killed [when Indonesia invaded]. It was like a modern-day Holocaust story," said Brendan Madigan, a sophomore member of the Ecology Club.

Workshop sessions were also offered to interested students. Choices included sessions on yoga, the Galapagos Islands, elementary school environmental education, rainforest campaign strategies, and others.

The conference also featured a panel discussion concerning the dangers of urban sprawl. The panel of experts included Robert McConnell, professor of environmental science and geology here at MWC, and Deron Lovaas, of Zero Population Growth.

Zero Population Growth is an organization focusing on population growth out of cities and its effects on both the inner city and suburbs.

The discussion explored effects of urban sprawl: costs to social, economic, and environmental areas. McConnell recommended solutions such as creating a Virginia State Land-Use Act and elimination of tax incentives that encourage urban sprawl.

The panel also featured Senator Ed Houck, who spoke on behalf of Virginia gubernatorial candidate Don Beyer. Houck spoke of the environmental stance Beyer takes in his campaign; Beyer would like to expand state parks and begin an aggressive antipollution campaign.

Attendees of the SEAC conference were also treated to vegetarian and vegan meals at Sammy T's and meals cooked by members of MWC's Animal Awareness Club. In addition, local band 32 Watts performed for the conference participants.

Organizers of the conference feel that the event was a huge success.

"We had a large variety of participants who will go back to campuses well-informed about environmental issues and equipped with skills to make a difference," said Jen Brock, vice president of the Ecology Club.



Candles In Peppers And Other Obscurities

Senior Ernesto Yermoli and junior Karen Pearlman goof off. For more bizarre photography and loads of creative expression, check out the next issue of *The Polemic*. The *Polemic* is MWC's literary magazine and is open to student submissions of prose, poetry, artwork and photography. The next issue will be released after Fall Break.

photo courtesy of the Polemic



Bullet Sports Editor Josh VanDyck Lassoos In A Great Meal At Durango's Steakhouse

I know, I know, if you've been in one country-western saloon you've been in them all. But if you're tired of the usual mechanical bulls, drunken brawls, and line-dancing music, then you should give Durango's a shot.

The country-western-cowboy-desert motif may not be authentic, but it's pretty cool anyway. Cactus plants growing in sand line the restaurant, giving the place that nice "cactus-on-the-beach" feel. Country music, somehow sounding worse than usual and featuring a heavy dose of Billy Ray Cyrus, will play throughout your dinner. And to top it all off, drinks come in cowboy boot mugs.

As for the food, let's just say that vegetarians aren't very welcome. But when you're dining with a country-western motif, who cares about vegetarians?

The prices are pretty good and significantly lower than other well-known steakhouse places like the Outback, Lone Star or Shoney's.

Durango's features a wide variety of chicken, steaks, ribs and seafood. There are also sandwiches, pastas and fried mushrooms. The mushrooms come with a nice horseradish sauce and are pretty good. Of course, almost all of the foods are barbecue or fried, so the health conscious...well, who cares about them anyway?

Each meal comes with a nice salad, which looks and tastes very fresh. Large amounts of bread are also provided, and we're talking about some good bread.

For starters, we tried the "Durango's Skins," which come in a huge

portion. They're halves of baked potatoes, covered with cheese, cheese, and bacon (plus some cheese). Very nice. We also tried the "Fried Shrooms," which, though not purple or blue, also pack a punch.

When it comes to the main course, the prime rib is highly recommended. It's much cheaper than you'd expect and is just as good as anybody's. The BBQ chicken is also excellent, coming in a massive portion for just \$7.95. The fried catfish, though not deep-fried (just fried in a skillet), is equally good, though it can make sleeping a problem following your meal.

The sandwiches, ranging from burgers to steak and cheese, seem to be very good also. The roast beef au jus was particularly tasty, as my friend Ish discovered.

French fries are the best choice among the many sides offered, which range from mashed potatoes to sweet potatoes. The fries are big and crispy, giving you more potatoes for your buck. The sweet potatoes also make the grade, especially when covered in vast amounts of

butter.

To sum it all up, Durango's is the place to go if your baby is in the mood for good ole' country-western fun and food. There's no line-dancing, but then there shouldn't be, anyway. Oh yeah, and the sweet tea flows like wine (with a fine bouquet).

Durango's Steakhouse is located on Route 1 near Planet Fun, about a five-minute drive from campus.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

"Gallery Of Voices" Speaks Out

Chorus Of Clubs Offers Forum To Support Diversity and Unity At MWC

By Jeremiah Stoddard

Bullet Staff Writer

It was a night for solidarity, for appreciating your unknown brothers and sisters and for rallying together to support unity.

The Gallery of Voices symposium, held in the packed Underground on Tuesday night, provided various student groups an opportunity to join together and raise a collective voice against racism, sexism and intolerance at MWC.

Students and faculty members read aloud poems and literature and were able to present questions or topics for group discussion.

Clubs represented at the event included the National Organization of Women, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Association, Women of Color, the Asian Student

Association, the Hispanic Student Association, the Black Student Association, and Black Men of a New Direction.

Lydia Kane, a member of the MWC chapter of NOW, established the theme of the night with her

symbolically. It is important for students to establish coalitions. We all have a lot to learn from each other," Rucker said.

The readings expressed anger and rage at intolerance and exclusion. Natasha Ward, a sophomore, read the

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opening remarks, saying, "Whether we like it or not, we are in each other's lives."

Cedric Rucker, director of Student Activities, stressed the need for unity in the Mary Washington community.

"Coming together is important

poem "Woman" by Niki Giovanni. One line read, "She was a blade of grass amid the fields."

John Gomez, a sophomore representing the Hispanic Student Association, shattered some ignorant myths about Hispanic people by stating, "We do not all have slicked-

back hair. We do not all sneak under barbed-wire fences."

The Asian Student Association presented a Nellie Wong piece that stated, "Peace does not exist when a child is being abused, a woman raped, and a man can't get a job because of his skin color."

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But Jennifer Eichstedt, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, warned, "I am fearful of what happens when we walk out the door."

Eichstedt challenged everyone to keep caring after the night's event. She also said that to truly succeed,

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"Queer Culture" At MWC

GLBSA Forum Examines Past And Future Of Gay Life At MWC

By Warren Duffie, Jr.

Bullet Staff Writer

On a brisk autumn evening the members of the Mary Washington College Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Association gathered to discuss and celebrate the strides the school's gay community has made and hope to make in the future.

The Sept. 25 event, entitled "Queer Culture," was held in Woodard Hall's Red Room and attracted more than twenty-five participants.

A six-member panel of Mary Washington graduates was featured to recount their college experiences, describe the evolution of the GLBSA, and offer advice to those who attended.

"Queer Culture" is an umbrella term for the gay community as a whole," said Cedric Rucker, director of student activities and a 1981 Mary Washington graduate. "It came about from a discussion where those involved wanted to have an ongoing program that was educational and supportive of the Mary Washington gay community and its supporters."

Rucker hopes that events like "Queer

Culture" will serve as educational tools for students to provoke and answer questions and expand their thinking.

"I've had many straight students approach me and ask how they can give their support," he stated. "Meetings like this provide a place of stability and visibility where we can address issues that are important to Mary Washington gay community."

Rucker feels that the school's gay

population has come a long way in the past several years.

He believes the most important goal is to reach a point where gays not only receive civility but are also respected and accepted.

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to the fact that the meal plan will not be in effect for those of us staying on campus during Fall Break

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to the girls' soccer team for snatching a No. 5-in-the-nation ranking by pummeling Randolph-Macon Tuesday afternoon

DOWN



to the decrepit conditions of the outdoor basketball court behind Jefferson

UP



to Dos Equis on draft served in big glasses at Tia's Tex Mex Restaurant

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to the watermain that burst near Bushnell, resulting in a loss of water to half of campus

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SPORTS

Women's Soccer Terrorizes Region

With Big-Play Freshmen, New Goalie Starring, No. 5 Eagles Demolish Three Opponents By Combined 16-2, Go 10-1-1

By Josh VanDyke
Bullet Sports Editor

In the annals of Mary Washington athletics, few teams have ever had as dominant a stretch as the women's soccer team did this past week. The Eagles, ranked 5th nationally and 1st in the region, destroyed Western Maryland 4-0, Goucher 6-0, and tough Randolph-Macon 6-2.

MWC, now at 10-1-1, has outscored its opponents 34-5 on the season, and remains undefeated in the CAC. Surprisingly, much of the nucleus for this brilliance has come from relative newcomers to the team. Two freshmen are leading the team in scoring, and a new goalie is setting the school record book ablaze.

The two freshmen, Ellen Anderson and Laura Stafford, are part of a group of seven fresh players that have made a large impact on the team. Anderson and Stafford are 1-2 on the team in scoring, and have combined to eliminate several opponents this season.

Two weeks ago, against a strong

William Smith College team in the MWC classic, they teamed up for the game winning goal in a 1-0 victory. Then, against Goucher this Saturday, Anderson had a goal and two assists while Stafford added two more assists.

"We're fitting in well [with the team], and our chemistry has really been good," Anderson said of the duo's success. "We do a lot of things with the team, and we've all bonded together."

Likewise, Stafford credits her teammates for her fast start at Mary Washington, ignoring personal accolades about her scoring prowess.

"I don't really look at it that way," Stafford said. "A lot of people put a lot of effort into it. Everyone works as a team, and other people put me in my position as a leading scorer."

Another reason for the team's success, according to both freshmen, has been the team's bond both on and off the field.

"We do lots of stuff together," Anderson said. "The team will hang out, go to Carl's, or go shopping."

Stafford also saw the team's

togetherness as a strongpoint. "We all get along really well, and you usually don't find that with a team," she said. "Usually there's disagreement between people [on teams], but we all enjoy hanging out together."

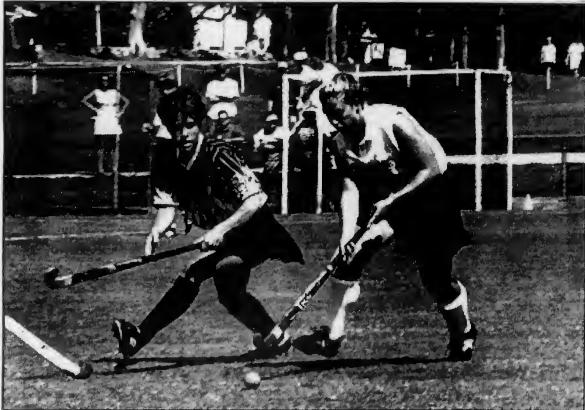
In addition to impressing all-CAC voters, the freshmen have also made an impact on their older teammates.

"You can't tell they're underclassmen by the way they play," senior fullback Adrienne Snedeker said. "I'm not really surprised because they play great practice, so I knew they would play great in the games too."

When combined with the Eagles' already talented scorers, including senior Jaime Kwiatkowski, sophomore Johanna Klein, and senior Felicity Smith (two goals against Randolph-Macon on Tuesday), the freshmen have made the Eagle attack lethal.

"It's difficult to defend six or seven scorers," head coach Kurt Glaser said. "It gives us an element of unpredictability."

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The MWC field hockey team has won six of their last nine games to improve their record to 6-6. The team started out 0-3.

1997 MWC Hall of Fame Inductees

Jenny Utz, Lacrosse. Class of 1982.

Pam Heller Black, Lacrosse. Class of 1987.

Brian "Buddy" Hawley, Basketball. Class of 1987.



Diana May/Bullet

As for the men...

The MWC men's soccer team split two games this week. Here, sophomore Dan Guarriello pulls away from Goucher College on Saturday. He hit the winning goal in the 2-1 win.

Field Hockey Hangs Tough After Slow Start

By Jamie Deaton
Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

The Mary Washington field hockey team has rebounded after starting off the season 0-3 to improve their record to 6-3. Most importantly, the Eagles have a solid 3-1 record in the Capital Athletic Conference.

Despite a slow start the Eagles have remained focused and determined throughout the season.

"We weren't going to let it get us down," junior Aimee Seward said of the team's 0-3 start. Seward said even during the first games of the season that the team's attitude remained positive.

"We dug a hole and we were going to work to get out of it," she said.

Another factor in changing the Eagles' early struggles was in the team's self-perception. Junior Ellen Ashton Smith said one of the keys to changing losses into victories was the fact that the Eagles could not look at the year as a rebuilding one.

"We had nowhere to go but up," Ashton Smith said.

The Eagles defeated Catholic 2-1 in overtime on Sept. 30, strengthening their position in the

CAC and giving the team their longest winning streak of the season at three games. Ashton Smith scored the game-winning goal for MWC with 9:11 remaining in overtime. Freshman Amy Smith and sophomore Heather Carter played key roles in the game, as Smith scored the first goal and Carter added 11 saves as the goal.

The Eagles were defeated 6-1 by Eastern Mennonite this past Sunday, which ended their winning streak. Despite the final score, MWC played competitively for the majority of the game.

"We got down in the last 10 minutes 3-1 and didn't concentrate much on offense," freshman Brandy Nelson said.

One of the main reasons for the team's success of late has been goals. Carter, who has played every minute this year in goal for the Eagles. Through 12 games Carter has 103 saves and four shutouts. She also allows an average of only 1.72 goals per game.

On offense the team has been led by senior Kathleen Keenan and sophomore Christine Jeffery. Keenan has four goals and four assists this season. Jeffery has five goals and two assists for the Eagles. Freshman Claire

Van Til and sophomore Robin Wild have also contributed offensively, scoring three goals each.

However, MWC's greatest strength on offense is not a single player, but rather a cohesive balance between team members. Already this year 14 different players have scored goals.

"We substitute a lot. There's not a starting set on offense," said Seward.

Ashton Smith said one of this team's biggest strengths is "our love for the sport...you got to have the love. This is a Division III school. We're not paid to play."

With six regular season games the Eagles have entered a critical part in their season. Although they have a .500 record, the Eagles have had considerable experience in big games by playing a tough non-conference schedule.

"We have a thing called ICE, which means intensity, concentration, and execution," said Nelson.

By executing, concentrating, and maintaining a high level of intensity the Eagles look to be in good position to ice the competition.

This Week's Schedule

Men's Soccer

Oct. 15 vs. Gallaudet at the Battleground (4 p.m.)

Women's Soccer

Oct. 16 vs. Catholic at the Battleground (4 p.m.)

Riding

Oct. 12 at University of Maryland (11 a.m.)

Cross Country

Oct. 11 Virginia State II-III Championships at Harrisonburg

Field Hockey

Oct. 10 vs. Salisbury State at the Battleground (4 p.m.)

Oct. 15 vs. Lynchburg College (4 p.m.)



(For updates call the MWC Sports Hotline at 654-2692).

ENTERTAINMENT

"Kiss the Girls" Good-Bye Area Theaters Ban New Thriller

By Erin Rodman
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Paramount Pictures' new movie, "Kiss the Girls," starring Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd, premiered last weekend on Oct. 3 in theaters all over the country.

Everywhere except here, that is. The movie will not come to theaters in Fredericksburg, Aquia, or any of the surrounding areas any time soon.

R/C Theater Company, the owner of all three theaters in town as well as the one in Aquia, has decided to ban the movie from its screens due to a complaint from a patron that the movie's plot line too closely resembles the recent murders of Sophia Silva and Kristen and Kat Lisk.

"The reason we pulled that picture is because we were asked to by the community and other concerned citizens," said Wayne Anderson, chief operating officer of R/C Theaters.

"Serial killers feed on publicity and since the individual has not been apprehended, we don't want the region to have deal with the fear this movie would promote," he said.

Anderson also said that the company's purpose in preventing the movie from being shown in this area was to protect the parents and the region. R/C/Theaters has turned down interviews with national publications and media, including CBS' "This Morning."

"If the killer is apprehended, then we will run the picture," Anderson said.

"The company thought that it was in the best interest of the community to not show it in this area because of similarities between the plot of the movie and the killings here of the three girls," said Karen Harrison, manager

of R/C Theaters Movies 15 on Rte. 3.

The decision to keep the movie out of theaters went all the way up. One concerned citizen complained to R/C management that the movie would disturb the community in the wake of the recent murders and the company took it to heart. Upper management at R/C contacted Paramount Pictures' office in Washington, D.C. to consult with them whether or not the movie should be shown. The decision handed down was to keep the movie out of theaters and avoid publicity.

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"A lot of people have called and agreed that it was a good idea not to have played it here," Harrison said.

While it is important for a community's voice to be heard and encouraging to know that the powers that be actually listen, is it possible that the theater jumped the gun?

"I think that it was ridiculous to prevent the movie from showing here because people can make that decision for themselves. If you don't want to see the movie, don't buy a ticket," said senior Emily Winn, who is also an employee of R/C.

Two letters to the editor of the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, written by outraged citizens, saw this decision as pure censorship.

"...I am not a child, however, and resent R/C Theater's attempt to blindfold me," MWC senior Anne Mullins, Bullet News Editor, wrote in her letter. "Just because a theater runs a movie does not mean that everyone has to see it."

"I detest being told by someone else that I can't do something that, as far as I know, is still perfectly legal," Stafford resident Cynthia Rose wrote in another letter.

"Restricting access to a movie will neither solve these cases nor make the nightmare go away," Rose's letter stated.

Associate Professor of Psychology Christopher Kilmartin, gave his opinion on whether or not this movie could have an effect on the individual responsible for the Silva and Lisk murders.

"Part of what they [murderers] have are fantasies of power, so if they were to see the movie, it might make them think about killing," he stated. There is no research proving

this is true but killers tend to be interested in media portrayals of murder, Kilmartin said.

This means that fears of "Kiss the Girls" perpetuating or instigating more murders are not completely unfounded.

"The solution is for the movie industry to stop making movies about murder all together," Kilmartin said.

Ultimately, the theater has made up its mind. "I think it would have been in poor taste to show the picture," Anderson said.

For those who would like to see "Kiss the Girls," the closest theater that is playing it is Potomac Mills, a non-R/C movie theater.

RECORD REVIEWS

LAZE'S SCRIBBLINGS: The Alkaholiks—"Likwidation" and Captain T—"U.S. Aliens"

By Ryan A. MacMichael
Bullet Staff Writer

The Alkaholiks: "Likwidation"
Loud/RCA
<http://www.loud.com/>

At the beginning of the '90s, King Tee was one of the West Coast hip-hop rulers. On "At Your Own Risk," Tee allowed a couple new emcees on a couple of his cuts — these emcees were soon to be known as a crew called "The Alkaholiks."

In 1992, The Alkaholiks released "21 and Over" with tracks like, "Only When I'm Drunk" and "Likwid." '95 brought us "Coast II Coast." Now, in late '97, is "Likwidation."

This release features, once again, some of the best lyrics and concepts of any new releases. However, the beats are on only about half the time.

"Captain Hook" is one of the best all-around cuts, discussing style-biting overtop a tight sample from the Orient. The first single "Likwidation" and "Tore Down" (featuring the Loot Pack) both bounce, boasting head-nodding beats.

"Hip-Hop Drunkies," the crazy new single featuring ODB/Osiris from Wu-Tang, is easily the best cut on the album. "What's yo name?" they ask; ... response: "Ol' Dirty Bastard... and I'm an alcoholic..."

E-Swift hits it off with some moderately offensive, but clever, lyrics: "Ya now rockin' with the Lik so start teaching for the ozone, I see some girls I know but y'all look different with your clothes on." The beat hits hard with heavy bass hits and a light piano lick. And Ol' Dirty takes his crazy drunken style to the next level with his best verses since "...36 Chambers."

Some tracks fall way short—not because of lyrics, but rather weak beats. "Off the Wall," "All Night," and "Aww S***!" could have been touched up more than a little bit.

Among the better guest appearances on "Likwidation" are the Loot Pack (these kids got open on "Coast II Coast"), Xzibit, Ol' Dirty Bastard, the Whoridas, and King Tee. The less successful appearances are on the skirts with Nas—coming off a horrendous sophomore release—LL Cool J's blah appearance on track 8, and Keith Murray's so-so "Off the Wall."

It's great to see the "Liks back again. They're a crew that just won't die, thank God. "Like Quasimodo, my name rings bells..."

CAPTAIN T: "U.S. Aliens" (EP)
Artificial Records
<http://www.hitmedia.com/captaint/>

When I was at the College Music Journal conference in New York a few weeks ago, I got a lot of CDs from random groups that I wanted some promotion. There were some strange folks there, but perhaps no market. It was weird than the ambiguous "we're from outer space, and that's it" marketing of Captain T by Artificial Records.

This six-track EP is far from the typical college rock, though that's what it would be classified under. It starts off with a very irreverent version of "We Are the World."

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EPMD: "Back in Business"

By Yori Tondrowski
Bullet Staff Writer

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Def Jam Records
1997 N.Y., N.Y.

Sometime last year, after the tragic deaths of Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls, Eric Sermon and Parrish Smith got talked. They decided that it was time to squash the beef. It was time to stop dissin' each other. Hip-hop artists were dropping like flies and neither of the two could find it any more.

On Sept. 23, EPMD released their first album since 1992's "Business Never Personal." Their newest release, "Back In Business," sounds if they never split up. The lyrics are still rough and raw the beats still hardcore underground, and the MCs... well, Eric and Parrish are still Eric and Parrish.

Both artists put out several solo albums since the break-up, with Sermon getting most



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EPMD's Parrish Smith and Eric Sermon are "Back in Business" with their first album in five years.

INDIGO GIRLS: Closer to... Dodd!



Super-famous southern gals Amy Ray (far left) and Emily Saliers (left), better known as the INDIGO GIRLS, bring their poignant and sincere brand of folksy pop (or poppy folk, whichever you prefer) to Dodd Auditorium as part of their recently-announced east coast college tour.

The show will be on Tues., Oct. 21, with doors at 8 p.m. If you don't already have tickets, you're out of luck—on-campus ticket sales sold out the first day (Mon., Oct. 6) in one hour and 15 minutes!

WMWC Top 10 List

Place	Album	Artist
1	"Surfacing"	Sarah McLachlan
2	"... Presents the Carnival"	Wyclef Jean
3	"Spawn" soundtrack	Various Artists
4	"Alright (Remixes)"	Jamiroquai
5	"Forest for the Trees"	Forest for the Trees
6	"When Disaster Strikes"	Busta Rhymes
7	"Homogenic"	Björk
8	"Creation"	James Taylor Quartet
9	"Keep Your Receipt"	Reel Big Fish
10	"Maladjusted"	Morrissey

The Top 10 List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC. Questions? Please call the Bullet at x1133 or WMWC at x1152. Also, don't forget to visit the WMWC web page: <http://www.mwc.edu/~wmwc/>—okay?

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Faculty Committee Remodels Merit Pay Model

By Anne Mullins
Bullet News Editor

The merit pay model, which determines a faculty member's salary based on performance, got a face lift this year from the ad hoc faculty evaluation committee. The committee started work last semester to get the plan ready for this year.

"We are trying to get away from a situation that has rules changing after the fact," said Philip Hall, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

According to Gardner Campbell, the current chair of the faculty organization committee, the need for a new plan arose last year when the 1996-1997 plan was not ready to be put into effect. Campbell also said that there were many arguments among the faculty about how the plan for 1996-1997 year would not work.

"We needed a plan that would be agreeable and that we could use," said Campbell, an assistant professor of English, linguistics and speech.

James Goehring, a member of the ad hoc committee, said that they wanted to simplify the plan and reduce the amount of paperwork and effort to arrive at decisions.

"The goal of the present committee has thus been to meet the mandated requirements for an evaluation procedure within a flexible system that allows individual departments to formulate their precise plan and procedure to best evaluate their unique contributions to the college," said the Dean's summer memo which had a copy of the new merit pay plan for the 1997-1998 year.

This new plan, according to the memo, calls for peer

reviews of every faculty member done by the department. These reviews will be given to the chair of the department who will write an Annual Performance Review and assign each faculty member to one of four levels: 0 for unsatisfactory performance, 1 for expected performance, 2 for superior performance and 3 for exceptional performance.

The memo also says that each faculty member will be evaluated on teaching, professional activity and service to the college.

Chairs of each department will be evaluated by department members on teaching, professional activity and service as well as administration.

The dean of the faculty, according to the memo, oversees the evaluation process and ensures that each department evaluates their faculty comparably.

At the Oct. 1 faculty meeting, Hall announced that some changes would be made to the new plan by November. One of these changes concerned the distribution of the evaluation grades (0, 1, 2, 3) among the faculty.

According to Hall, the distribution will move away from a pyramid model that was used in the past to a normal distribution curve or bell curve. The pyramid model places most of the faculty in level one meaning that most faculty's performance meets expectations.

Topher Bill, professor of psychology, said this distribution has caused a problem with faculty morale in the past.

"The most common grade would be a C," Bill said. "Dollar levels are insignificant. It's the label that goes with it."

Hall said that a normal distribution curve will place most of the faculty at level two.

"The expectation is to have some ones, lots of twos and some threes," Hall said.

Hall also gave the approximate percentages for the increase in salary at the faculty meeting. A level one could receive a 6 percent increase from his base salary, a level two 7 percent and a level three 8 percent.

In an interview, Hall said that the percentages will depend on the number of faculty at each level and the amount of money appropriated by the state. Hall said, however, that the Board of Visitors decided that level threes will have a raise of a full 1 percent higher than the

level twos.

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meaning hire more white workers. Managers were told to cut back on the hours they gave to black employees, and it was almost impossible for blacks to obtain a promotion.

When Billie and Henry Elliott would not comply with these "rules," they lost their jobs. The two went to Tommy Warren, a former football star for Florida State University. Only now Warren was a lawyer who was willing to take on the case.

In 1990, Watkins, who also attended Florida State, was approached by a friend who knew Warren. The friend told Watkins about the case and said it might make an interesting story.

"I had no idea then how this case was going to turn out, so it was kind of a gamble," Watkins said.

Although a suit was filed by Warren in 1989, the situation ended with an out-of-court settlement in 1993. Shoney's lost \$132.5 million and had to agree to a strict affirmative action program to be used in recruiting, hiring and employing.

Shoney's insisted that the announcement of the settlement be made on Nov. 2, 1992. Watkins said they did this so the news would be buried by President Clinton's success on election day.

"What do you think people remember about the news on Nov. 3, 1992?" he said. "The settlement, which was the largest in history, never really got that much press."

For years, Watkins had been flying around the country to research the story. Now he finally had an ending and could write the book. After submitting a book proposal to a publishing company, his idea was accepted, but he was given only six months to complete the job.

Watkins took an unpaid leave of absence from Mary Washington in the spring of 1995 to work on *The Black O*. He knew his family would suffer financially, so he approached Philip Hall, then provost, to ask if he could still receive the same health benefits. He was told it was not possible.

However, a benefit specialist for the state told Watkins

that it was an option of the college to continue to provide health benefits even during an unpaid leave of absence. Watkins visited Hall a second time but was given the same answer.

"They were very unsupportive," Watkins said. "While it's not that much to the college, it was a great burden on my family."

According to Hall, Watkins did not receive the health benefits for a legitimate reason.

"We tried to be consistent with what we've done with people who have taken unpaid leave of absences in the past," Hall said.

Soon after Watkins' request, a clause was added to the handbook that said employees could not receive health benefits while on an unpaid leave of absence.

"Some of the faculty jokingly refer to it as the 'Watkins clause,'" said Watkins, who added that the department of English, linguistics and speech was "incredibly supportive" at the time.

After the turmoil that the leave of absence caused, the publishing company backed out at the last minute stating that "legal concerns" were the reason. Watkins was never told exactly what that meant.

"I think they got scared," said Watkins, who received several threats from him concerning the libel issue of writing the book.

Yet *The Black O* is a fascinating story that was easily picked up by the University of Georgia Press and was published Aug. 1, 1997.

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"Young people often decide voting blocks. They are the least likely to have strong party ties and the most likely to be persuaded. Higher education may become a big issue in the weeks to come as a way to reach younger people as they decide if they are democrats or republicans," said Farnsworth.

Banister said that Beyer's plan for education start in in elementary and high school programs, but do benefit higher education as well. Beyer wants to bring salaries for teachers at all levels up to the national norm.

Banister also said that Governor Allen cut available student loan and scholarship money when he chose not to underwrite state money.

"It saved Virginia some money, but will cost Virginia in the future. That is a direct effect to education. If there are less loans, there will be less students able to go to college. Our goal is to keep high school students interested in going to college, and then when they go to college, to stay in Virginia. Our motto is education is job one," said Banister.

Reed Boatright, deputy press secretary for Gilmore campaign headquarters, disagrees with the criticisms and said that Gilmore has addressed the concerns of higher education.

"Well, we've talked a good deal about higher education in the Century of Scholars program. We've talked about the higher education issue, the media doesn't want to talk about it," he said.

According to Boatright, Gilmore's Century of Scholars program includes the development of a merit based scholarship program and continuing the tuition freeze to make college more affordable for Virginia students. The program also plans to expand technical training at both four and two-year institutions to better prepare students for the job market.

Boatright is also planning on hiring 4000 new teachers at the elementary level.

"It pretty much universally agreed that one of the best ways to improve education is smaller class sizes," said Banister.

Some students are suspicious of Gilmore's plans.

"Gilmore has said that he wants to set up 4000 more teaching jobs, but, as a future teacher, he hasn't shown me a way to implement it," said Susan Stevens, member

of the MWC and state chapter of Young Democrats.

Boatright said Gilmore's plan will be funded by growth and state revenue. Boatright said these revenues will produce \$220 million dollars to fund the program and the new teacher positions.

According to Gilbert, Beyer supporters have criticized Gilmore for his plans to take public money and put it towards vouchers for families who send their children to private and religious schools.

Carnel disagrees with the criticisms.

"Gilmore is in favor of vouchers, but has no plan to implement them. With his plans to hire new teachers with state money, anyone who would say he is taking public money to support private school is ludicrous," he said.

Carnel adds that the addition of the car tax will help out students.

"I think [the abolition of the car tax] is a big issue for the Virginia resident student who owns a car and pays for it himself," he said.

Stevens doesn't agree the car issue is important to college students.

"Cutting out the car tax won't go through the Virginia legislature," she said. "People seem to be voting on a single issue."

Farnsworth does not think the cut in car tax is a practical for the state or voters.

"Any cut of any kind of tax has to balance with an increase in another," Farnsworth said. "The car tax plan will reach the state legislature dead on arrival unless it considers an increase in sales or another tax. Budgets have to balance."

Farnsworth also disagrees with the criticism the race has been a one issue campaign.

"After the debates, we are looking at funding for elementary and secondary schools, prison construction, tax cuts are now on the table," Farnsworth said.

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It's true we have our 'reps' in the S.A.
But they just don't get the job done
I guess it's kinda hard to get a majority
When you're outnumbered five to one

I guess I do a lot of complaining
But that's really just my way
But even though I'm a man at a mostly women college
I'm a man that's here to stay

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Faculty Committee Remodels Merit Pay Model

By Anne Mullins
Bullet News Editor

The merit pay model, which determines a faculty member's salary based on performance, got a face lift this year from the ad hoc faculty evaluation committee. The committee started work last semester to get the plan ready for this year.

"We are trying to get away from a situation that has rules changing after the fact," said Philip Hall, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

According to Gardner Campbell, the current chair of the faculty organization committee, the need for a new plan arose last year when the 1996-1997 plan was not ready to be put into effect. Campbell also said that there were many arguments among the faculty about how the plan for the 1996-1997 year would not work.

"We needed a plan that would be agreeable and that we could use," said Campbell, an assistant professor of English, linguistics and speech.

James Goehring, a member of the ad hoc committee, said that they wanted to simplify the plan and reduce the amount of paperwork and effort to arrive at decisions.

"The goal of the present committee has thus been to meet the mandated requirements for an evaluation procedure within a flexible system that allows individual departments to formulate their precise plan and procedure to best evaluate their unique contributions to the college," said the Dean's summer memo which had a copy of the new merit pay plan for the 1997-1998 year.

This new plan, according to the memo, calls for peer

reviews of every faculty member done by the department. These reviews will be given to the chair of the department who will write an Annual Performance Review and assign each faculty member to one of four levels: 0 for unsatisfactory performance, 1 for expected performance, 2 for superior performance and 3 for exceptional performance.

The memo also says that each faculty member will be evaluated on teaching, professional activity and service to the college.

Chairs of each department will be evaluated by department members on teaching, professional activity and service as well as administration.

The dean of the faculty, according to the memo, oversees the evaluation process and ensures that each department evaluates their faculty comparably.

At the Oct. 1 faculty meeting, Hall said that some changes would be made to the new plan by November. One of these changes concerned the distribution of the evaluation grades (0, 1, 2, 3) among the faculty.

According to Hall, the distribution will move away from a pyramid model that was used in the past to a normal distribution curve or bell curve. The pyramid model places most of the faculty in level one meaning that most faculty's performance meets expectations.

Topher Bill, professor of psychology, said this distribution has caused a problem with faculty morale in the past.

"The most common grade would be a C," Bill said. "Dollar levels are insignificant. It's the label that goes with it."

Hall said that a normal distribution curve will place most of the faculty at level two.

"The expectation is to have some ones, lots of twos and some threes," Hall said.

Hall also gave the approximate percentages for the increases in salary at the faculty meeting. A level one could receive a 6 percent increase from his base salary, a level two 7 percent and a level three 8 percent.

In an interview, Hall said that the percentages will depend on the number of faculty at each level and the amount of money appropriated by the state. Hall said, however, that the Board of Visitors decided that level threes will have a raise of a full 1 percent higher than the

level two.

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mcaning hire more white workers. Managers were told to cut back on the hours they gave to black employees, and it was almost impossible for blacks to obtain a promotion.

When Billie and Henry Elliott would not comply with these "rules," they lost their jobs. The two went to Tommy Warren, a former football star for Florida State University. Only now Warren was a lawyer who was willing to take on the case.

In 1990, Watkins, who also attended Florida State, was approached by a friend who knew Warren. The friend told Watkins about the case and said it might make an interesting story.

"I had no idea then how this case was going to turn out, so it was kind of a gamble," Watkins said.

Although a suit was filed by Warren in 1989, the situation ended with an out-of-court settlement in 1993. Shoney's lost \$132.5 million and had to agree to a strict affirmative action program to be used in recruiting, hiring and employing.

Shoney's insisted that the announcement of the settlement be made on Nov. 2, 1992. Watkins said they did this so the news would be buried by President Clinton's success on election day.

"What do you think people remember about the news on Nov. 3, 1992?" he said. "The settlement, which was the largest in history, never really got that much press."

For years, Watkins had been flying around the country to research the story. Now he finally had an ending and could write the book. After submitting a book proposal to a publishing company, his idea was accepted, but he was given only six months to complete the job.

Watkins took an unpaid leave of absence from Mary Washington in the spring of 1995 to work on *The Black O*. He knew his family would suffer financially, so he approached Philip Hall, then provost, to ask if he could still receive the same health benefits. He was told it was not possible.

However, a benefit specialist for the state told Watkins

that it was an option of the college to continue to provide health benefits even during an unpaid leave of absence. Watkins visited Hall a second time but was given the same answer.

"They were very unsupportive," Watkins said. "While it's not that much to the college, it was a great burden on my family."

According to Hall, Watkins did not receive the health benefits for a legitimate reason.

"We tried to be consistent with what we've done with people who have taken unpaid leave of absences in the past," Hall said.

Soon after Watkins' request, a clause was added to the handbook that said employees could not receive health benefits within an unpaid leave of absence.

"Some of the faculty jokingly refer to it as the 'Watkins clause,'" said Watkins, who added that the department of English, linguistics and speech was "incredibly supportive" at the time.

After the turmoil that the leave of absence caused, the publishing company backed out at the last minute stating that "legal concerns" were the reason. Watkins was never told exactly what that meant.

"I think they got scared," said Watkins, who received several threats from his employer concerning the libel issue of writing the book.

Yet *The Black O* is a fascinating story that was easily picked up by the University of Georgia Press and was published Aug. 1, 1997.

Watkins will be at Waldenbooks on Oct. 25 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a book signing. Kurt Rubin, events coordinator for Waldenbooks, said the store is honored to have him.

Rabin said he always at least skins the books of authors who visit this store, but *The Black O* was not so easy to put down. He said Watkins' style was crisp and to the point, while his prose was still energetic.

"I think of times I just sample the books, but this one I read cover to cover," he said. "It's a true legal thriller."

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"Young people often decide voting blocks. They are the least likely to have strong party ties and the most likely to be persuaded. Higher education may become a big issue in the weeks to come as a way to reach younger people as they decide if they are democrats or republicans," said Farnsworth.

Banister said that Beyer's plans for education start in elementary and high school programs, but do benefit higher education as well. Beyer wants to bring salaries for teachers at all levels up to the national norm.

Banister also said that Governor Allen cut available student loan and scholarship money when he chose not to underwrite state money.

"It saved Virginia some money, but will cost Virginia in the future. If there is a direct effect to education. If there are less loans, there will be less students able to go to college. Our goal is to keep high school students interested in going to college, and then when they go to college, to stay in Virginia. Our motto is education is job one," said Banister.

Reed Boatright, deputy press secretary for Gilmore campaign headquarters, disagrees with the criticisms and said that Gilmore has addressed the concerns of higher education.

"Well, we've talked a good deal about higher education in the Century of Scholars program. We've talked about the higher education issue, the media doesn't want to talk about it," he said.

According to Boatright, Gilmore's Century of Scholars program includes the development of a merit based scholarship program and continuing the tuition freeze to make college more affordable for Virginia students. The program also plans to expand technical training at both four and two-year institutions to better prepare students for the job market.

Gilmore is also planning on hiring 4000 new teachers at the elementary level.

"It pretty much universally agreed that one of the best ways to improve education is smaller class sizes," said Banister.

Some students are suspicious of Gilmore's plans.

"Gilmore has said that he wants to set up 4000 more teaching jobs, but, as a future teacher, he hasn't shown me a way to implement it," said Susan Stevens, member

will be made to the plan concerning the appeal process. In the language of the plan, faculty can address appeals to the provost. With Hall taking on the duties of vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty, the college no longer has a provost.

In an interview, Hall said that he thinks all appeals will go to the president.

Goehring said that these changes are not substantive. "Those changes are only cosmetic," said Goehring, professor of classics, philosophy and religion.

Goehring said that he had not received a lot of faculty response when he first made the plan public at the end of last semester.

Campbell, however, said that the committee produced a better plan under the time restraints.

"In my opinion, they did very well under intense pressure," Campbell said.

Campbell said that the old plan produced a numerical portrait of the faculty's performance in the form of a histogram, a graphical picture of a set of numbers. Campbell said that one of the reasons for the unpopularity of the plan was that it relied heavily on numbers.

"There was no specific place for careful, thoughtful, written evaluation," Campbell said.

There are still merit levels and numerical gradings but the plan is less straightforwardly numerical, Campbell said.

"Written accounts are in the peer evaluations and the chair evaluations," Campbell said.

of the MWC and state chapter of Young Democrats.

Boatright said Gilmore's plan will be funded by growth and state revenue. Boatright said these revenues will produce \$220 million dollars to fund the program and the new teacher positions.

According to Gilbert, Beyer supporters have criticized Gilmore for his plans to take public money and put it towards vouchers for families who send their children to private and religious schools.

Carnel disagrees with the criticisms.

"Gilmore is in favor of vouchers, but has no plan to implement them. With his plans to hire new teachers with state money, anyone who would say he is taking public money to support private school is ludicrous," he said.

Carnel adds that the abolition of the car tax will help out students.

"I think [the abolition of the car tax] is a big issue for the Virginia resident student who owns a car and pays for it himself," he said.

Stevens doesn't agree the car issue is important to college students.

"Cutting out the car tax won't go through the Virginia legislature," she said. "People seem to be voting on a single issue."

Farnsworth does think the cut in car tax is a practical for the state or voters.

"Any cut of any kind of tax has to balance with an increase in another," Farnsworth said. "The car tax plan will reach the state legislature dead on arrival unless it has an increase in sales or another tax. Budgets have to balance."

Farnsworth also disagrees with the criticism the race has been a one issue campaign.

"After the debates, we are looking at funding for elementary and secondary schools, prison construction, tax cuts are now on the table," Farnsworth said.

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Children Of The 80s

Students Recall Their Favorite Past Trends

Junior Steve Charnoff said he remembers the last day of second grade when he was scheduled to take a girl named Jennifer out on a date.

"Of course I had to dress appropriately," he said. "So I went out and bought one of those kick-ass Jam outfits with fruit and flowers all over them. I wish I still had those."

Jams, those brightly colored shorts that most children of the 80s remember wearing, are not likely to be worn on a date today. But Mary Washington students can remember when they loved Jams and many of the other trends that accompanied the decade of the 80s.

According to senior Chris Van Horn, all the boys wore Jams back then.

"When Jams first came out, every guy begged his mom to buy him a pair," he said.

For senior Clinton McCarthy, it was friendship beads, not Jams, that the kids back then went crazy for.

"I remember all the girls running around on the playground with friendship beads," he said. "People were down on their hands and knees on the asphalt looking for them."

Many female Mary Washington

students can recall their old hairstyles. Sophomore Kara Davis said she remembers what her parents thought of her 80s hairdo.

"My parents used to think I was crazy because I had a big poof on my head," she said. "It was like, who could have the biggest poof."

Senior Jayne Morris also remembers trying to wear the "poof" hairstyle, but could never get it to look just right.

"Things I hated— curling my bangs and hair spray. Because it didn't work. I could never get mine high enough," she said.

However, Morris did enjoy wearing her plastic charm necklace during the 80s.

"I had some cool ones," said Morris, who said her favorite charm was a sink and a toilet.

To keep up with the style, many girls in the 80s also rolled the bottom of their pants very tightly around the ankle. Davis said she recalls when she learned to do this.

"I remember someone in seventh grade teaching me how to roll my pants because mine were unrolled and it was uncool," she said.

Senior Leslie Mills rolled her pants as well, and then pulled big slouch socks up over the rolls. Mills said that then she would accessorize.

"I liked jelly bracelets and jelly shoes and all those pastel, Madonna-looking things," she said.

For sophomore Daniela Kelley, neon was the thing.

"I used to wear neon everything," she said. "And I miss my Velcro roos."

Entertainment during the 80s is also hard for some to let go of. Most can remember their



Whitney McKnight, an MWC student in 1985, performed as Madonna in the Marshall/Jefferson Lip Sync Contest, a forgotten Mary Washington tradition.

favorite song or television show.

"The TV shows were incredible," said senior Sean Tuffy. "Family Ties," "Night Court," "Cheers," "Facts of Life," "Growing Pains" ... the list goes on."

For others, music of the 80s brings back the most memories. Kelley said her favorite band was Milli Vanilli.

"I was crushed when I found out Milli Vanilli was fake. I had their tape. It was my first real tape," she said.

Sophomore Jarrett Whitlow claims that Men at Work was the ultimate 80s band because they had such a unique sound.

Kelley's roommate, sophomore Eve Sledjeski, said Milli Vanilli just didn't cut it for her.

"Motley Crue rocked my world," she said.

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The Mary Washington post office was located off campus during the 80s.

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computer-generated stuff. They weren't a synthesizer band like most bands of the 80s," said Whitlow, who added that his favorite song was "Land Down Under."

Senior Jenna Cassidy said she remembers the song that McDonald's came out with in the 80s. Customers could get a plastic record and play the song at home to see if they had won various prizes.

Thinking back, Cassidy sang her rendition of the song.

"Big Mac, McDLT, a quarter pounder with some cheese, filet of fish, a hamburger, a cheeseburger, a happy meal ... oh wait, something like that," she sang.

Cassidy said if you went into McDonald's and sang the song, you could get something for free. When she was in seventh grade, Cassidy and friend had planned to go in and sing the song, but it didn't work out.

"There was no chickening out about it, we just never got the

chance," she said.

Mary Washington students also remember what they liked to spend their allowance on. Chris Van Horn said having a trapper keeper was important to him back then.

"Not for its organizational skills, but because they were the coolest thing to have," he said.

Van Horn said he enjoyed playing with Transformers, Atari and Garbage Pail Kids.

"My favorite Atari game was Pitfall because it was so realistic," he said. "And I remember waiting in lines of people to get Garbage Pail Kids."

Leslie Mills remembers wanting Zinka sunblock so she could draw shapes on her face.

Mills also had several Cabbage Patch Kids, but said she remembers her first one the best.

"I think her name was Mary Belle or something stupid," she said. "She had red hair and pig tails."



Are They As Crazy As They Used To Be?

In 1987, the MWC psychology department enjoyed wearing their crazy 80s attire for this photograph.

TIMELINE

1980

Ex-beatle John Lennon is fatally shot outside his Manhattan apartment. The United States boycotts the Moscow Olympics to protest the invasion of Afghanistan.

1981

MTV begins, the first 24-hour music video channel. The Prince of Wales marries Lady Diana Spencer in Britain. John Hickley, Jr. shoots and seriously wounds President Ronald Reagan.

1982

USA Today is published, the first daily newspaper aimed at readers throughout the United States. William Anderson becomes president of Mary Washington College.

1983

Sally Ride is the first woman astronaut. The compact disc is introduced. 1984

Madonna comes out with her album "Like A Virgin." Geraldine Ferraro is the first woman to run for vice president of the United States.

1985

Baseball player Pete Rose beats Ty Cobb's 57-year-old record of 4191 base hits.

Gorbachev introduces glasnost and perestroika. MWC students pay 50 cents to see the latest movie hits, including "The Breakfast Club," "Animal House," "Mr. Mom," "Ghostbusters," "Gremlins," "The Flamingo Kid," "Caddyshack" and "Witness."

1986

A hole in the ozone layer is detected over Antarctica. Boxer Mike Tyson wins his first heavyweight title. Oliver Stone directs the Vietnam War film "Platoon."

1987

A Wall Street stock market crisis spreads to Tokyo and London. 1988

A cease-fire is declared in the war between Iran and Iraq. Discovery becomes the first space shuttle to be launched after the Challenger disaster. Sprinter Ben Johnson is stripped of his Olympic gold medal after a drug test.

1989

Demonstrations in East Germany lead to the demolition of the Berlin Wall.



Class Council's traditional events have changed a bit over time. Devil Goat Day used to be a day of competition between odd-numbered classes. Above: In 1980, some students participated in a tug-of-war. Class Council's formal dances used to be held in the Lee Hall ballroom. Right: A band plays for the 1985 Fall Formal. And Rocktoberfest, now a Class Council event, was originally sponsored by Willard Hall.



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and soon could see a label attached to the sheet. It had the Red Cross/Red Crescent emblem, and when I saw it I immediately jolted backwards.

"That can't be right," I thought. I blinked and squinted and returned my eyes to the sheet. It was still there, even clearer than before. I slowly stuck my arms through the opening, careful not to rip my skin on the broken glass, and took several pictures with flash. The resulting prints did not allow for any disbelief. The sheets were indeed Red Cross material.

From an earlier meeting with the Deputy Commissioner for Missing Persons, we learned that the Red Cross, however humanitarian, got caught in the same political

crossfire that kept food from coming into Sarajevo for several months. The Red Cross once ignored the birth of a child in a concentration camp and instead registered him as a captured prisoner. Sixteen months later he died. His body was exchanged for a Serb prisoner.

The Red Cross was supposed to inform the world that there was a baby born in a concentration camp and lived his short life knowing nothing except the walls of the prison. Instead, they bargained his death in order to get a Serb soldier, to thus continue the bargaining scheme. The little boy's name was Damir Ferhagovic and he was born on Sept. 14, 1994, just over three years ago. He was

exchanged on Jan. 16, 1996, two days after his death. This I have seen on paper. I had it in my hands. It is official; you can believe me.

When I remembered the Red

they were taken to be tortured or killed. Sometimes the rapists and torturers would wear Red Cross garments, or dress as Muslims or hold crucifixes to further the prisoner's

complexly systematic plan. Remember, Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Serb nationalists, is a psychiatrist. It is impossible to determine, at this time, how the sheets got there, and this is yet another challenge in raising consciousness—how to grapple with this unanswerable question.

The question that needs attention now is what happened to the women who were imprisoned there. Are they receiving any support, and how can support be safely and efficiently offered to them? We met with several women's centers and individual women who work on various levels with women including counseling and psychosocial support, domestic violence, and sexuality.

One woman, Sabina, counsels women survivors of sexual torture around Zenica. She meets with them in their homes and has had a caseload of as many as 600 women. She worked from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every single day during the war, and continues with a similarly demanding schedule. Her sister, Habiba, works in an overcrowded orphanage, home to over 200 children.

Hopefully, with sustained efforts of these women, and growing efforts of other individuals, groups, and organizations, more and more survivors will receive the help they desperately need.

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everyone needs to bring a message of unity to campus.

"We cannot avoid personal responsibility for racism or sexism. The hope for the future is to work together and to educate yourself on the issues," Eichstedt said.

The need for racial, ethnic and

gender harmony is paramount.

"MWC is homogenous, and the Gallery of Voices throws diversity into the mix, giving voices to people who haven't had a voice in the past," said Chevonne Bray, a senior and a member of BOND.

When asked why she had

attended the event, Kara Eller, a senior, said, "I wanted to support the effort of unification among college kids. It's long-overdue...there's too much separation here at MWC."

Eller, who is an RA in Marshall Hall, encouraged her residents to attend the event and succeeded in

convincing five of them to come out and support the cause.

Clifton Davis, who is a member of AmeriCorps and is affiliated with COAR, hoped that events like these will no longer be few and far between.

"This event was an excellent starting point. I hope we can do

bigger and better things in the future. But it needs to be one person at a time, with individuals getting to know people unlike themselves," Davis said.

With more events like the Gallery of Voices, that could be a real possibility. Tuesday night's sharing

of ideas created a push for MWC to become more tolerant and accepting.

"This is the beginning of creating a support system on campus. We need to walk away with a sense of empowerment," said Cane.

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Fahrenheit 451 was banned because of the use of the words "hell" and "damn." Turkelson said that copies of the book distributed in a classroom in the U.S. had the words blacked out.

Cane then read from Allen Ginsberg's poetry selections that dealt with his frustration and longing for love in homosexual relationships. Ginsberg's books

were seized by U.S. Customs Service in San Francisco in 1957.

Some students were shocked by the graphic language in Ginsberg's poems, but they suppressed their gasps—it would have been too ironic to gasp in shock at the very books the students were fighting for.

Perhaps the most shocking book that has been banned is the Bible. The Bible has been challenged or banned in almost every non-Christian nation

in the world, for obvious political and religious differences.

The crowd thinned as the readings wore on. Perhaps spectators were frustrated with railing against a force beyond their comprehension. Perhaps they were just bored. But they left, one by one, and in groups. They read and then left.

And since there was only a few to begin with, each departure was painfully obvious.

Out of a campus community 3500, only 30 or so students thought it was important to fight an evil as prevalent as censorship. Some students at the book reading wondered aloud if the rest of the campus was watching MTV.

There is a well-known cliche that says, "If you reach one person with your ideas, then you've succeeded." The Banned Book reading reached at least 30. Success...in some measure.

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The music takes the original melody and electrifies it, combining it with growly, distorted vocals. The oddest part comes with the guy that sings the Cyndi Lauper part... more than a bit disturbing.

A tough act to follow, but "America's Free" does so in a straightforward rock manner. Pretty typical sounding, but not stagnant.

"Aqua Blue" starts off with a slow

70 bpm drum track with blips and squeaks mixed with guitar and laid-back vocals: "You were the king/Just don't tell the fuzz you knew me."

"Disturbing Abduction," starts off sounding like an intercepted alien radio transmission but slips into yet more lyrical paranoia: "Disturbing abduction/Rescue me... Call for help, no one's there/Was it phenomenon or mass illusion?" OK, then...

"Banner (The Incredible Hulk)" starts musically minimalist in the

strikkest sense of the term: very simple, spacy samples there just to set the mood and a very slight rhythm. And just when you think they're going to drop into some heavy techno beats, it switches right back to that eerie simplicity. An oddly constructed song, the rest continues on the same level with only small, intermittent drops of hardcore rock-techno sounds.

Closing out this bizarre album is "Covert Intelligence," which reminds me of what Corey Hart would sound like if he were taken to Mars and transformed into a hardcore '90s college rock singer.

So, after examining this EP... this odd piece of work... I can only conclude that the marketing campaign of Artificial Records is appropriate. Stop by the website listed above and check out some of their bizarre song construction and conceptual composition.

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another does/I'm capturing your mind like hypnosis/So use some focus/On what hip-hop means to you/Whether physical or in your spiritual form/Liver than your black college dorm."

"Da Joint" is an instant classic. Everything that is EPMD style is thick in this track. The beat is simple but hard. Sermon get sick with, "I make a million bucks/Every six months and y'all/hatin' my game and sayin' my name, they call me the E wrong things/knowin' I'm fly without wings/While some of y'all have to pul strings/In this era I maintain the freak up on the beat/Master bass lines of Raphael Sadique/Lyrical masterminded genius/So don't snooze/No mission impossible ask Tom Cruise."

"Never Seen Before" is another phat track. I thought the remix, which is what every station is playing, is much better than the original. The

remix of another song is somewhat disappointing. After five years you would think that EPMD would have enough material so they wouldn't have to use the same song twice. Nothing is perfect though, but most of this album comes damn close. Some disagree with The Source giving it four mics, but I have to agree with the magazine. The tracks are solid throughout.

The old EPMD feeling is back. EPMD, along with Redman, Wu-Tang, Keith Murray, Das EFX, Jeru, Tribe, Nas, Rakim and Gangstar, is bringing back real hip-hop. These MCs concentrate on flow, lyrical innovation, and hardcore beats. If you like all that Puffy, Mase, and Lux s**t, don't buy this album. "Back In Business" is real hip-hop, none of that flashy, mush-mouth trendy bulls**t. There is a reason EPMD continues to last and if you don't know... listen to this album. Then you will.

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teenagers is dead.

Now, all romantic comedies feature 30-year-olds trying to find love and happiness. Can they do it? "Sleepless in Seattle" used old love movies to laugh at itself. "When Harry Met Sally" used a scenario never touched upon. "Jerry Maguire" blended sports with love with a man's need to complete himself and his world. "Jerry Maguire" did something else, too. It was nominated for Best Picture. Comedies don't win Oscars. This was because comedies weren't high quality, made only to get the quick laugh and the quick buck. Maybe Jerry Maguire will start another trend, comedies actually about something.

"Grosse Pointe Blanke" is another recent movie that throws the romantic comedy on edge. It is about a hitman who goes back to his high school reunion to patch up with the girl he had abandoned ten years before on prom night. It was an action movie to the core as John Cusack is chased by rival hitmen in a barrage of crazy fight sequences. But, it is an action movie to the core as Cusack chases Minnie Driver, begging for forgiveness through a barrage of crazy wooing sequences. This unlikely combination made for one of the more enjoyable movies of the

year. Anyone who missed it at Dodd last weekend made a mistake. The reason these movies are so different is because audiences are actually seeing them and ignoring the old, standard, run of the mill, blah romantic comedy. And the original ones are making money. New trend? Yes. Audiences the wiser for it?

Maybe moviegoers are beginning to recognize bad movies and are awarding the good ones with their attention. So, "Twister" made \$100 million in 10 days. I don't know anyone who liked it. "Speed2" made less money than my friends did in a week working at McDonalds.

Meanwhile, "English Patient" and "Schindler's List" made over \$70 million. It could be argued that people seeing all the disaster movies is just the side effect of the '80s action film. It could be argued that every year, less hits are terrible movies, and more are actually okay. Are audiences getting wiser? It could be argued so, but it is too early to tell for certain. Yet, the very idea of it, the very idea of bad movies failing and good movies succeeding is wonderful. I think the seeds might be planted. If audiences are finally seeing the right films, isn't that in itself a new trend? Wouldn't that be the greatest trend?

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"The Real World" will be filmed in Seattle from January to June '98. "Road Rules" seasons 6 and 7 will shoot from February to April '98 and from June to August '98.

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New BOV Plan Lists Long-Term Goals For MWC

By Penny Beverage
Bullet Staff Writer

On Sept. 13, 1997, the Board of Visitors adopted a new long-range plan for Mary Washington called "MWC 2000: Visions for the 21st Century." The plan contains a list of goals and objectives for the college to achieve as it approaches the twenty-first century in order to raise the college to new heights of excellence.

Much of the plan, an update of an old plan called "Commitment to Excellence," continues striving for goals the college has worked for years.

"They're things that we've been doing for a long time but want to continue to do better on," said Philip Hall, vice president of faculty affairs and dean of the faculty.

According to the plan, one of the goals of the college is to conduct an image study and use its findings to create a new college image including a new logo. Hall said that this does not mean that the goal is to change the image but to show the public what the image is.

"I don't think we need a new image. I think we have an enviable image... I think maybe we need to get our image out a little better sometimes," Hall said.

Ronald Singleton, vice president of college relations and legislative affairs, agreed.

"We're pretty insulated here. We work at Mary Washington, but we don't always get out and talk to people about how they perceive the college. Right now we're interested in understanding what its image is and strengthening that image," Singleton said.

MWC 2000 also contains some new goals for the college including the creation of a computer literacy

requirement for all students. According to Singleton, employers want people who are good writers, thinkers, speakers and who also have computer knowledge.

"The way we're thinking about this is this is a kind of two-phase thing. The first phase would be sort of basic computer skills...put a requirement in place that's kind of like a driver's license," Hall said, uncertain when the requirement would be instated.

According to Hall, all students would first have to learn basic things like how to use GroupWise, word processing and how to access the internet.

The second stage would be more of an across the curriculum requirement, similar to the current writing and speaking intensive requirements, Hall said.

"There would be computing intensive courses that you would have to take X-number of and you'd find those in your major or in general education or in electives," Hall said.

According to the plan, another goal of the college is to find new meeting places for students, in addition to the current space allotted.

President Anderson already has some ideas in mind for how to achieve this goal.

"We hope to build a convocation center to create

additional indoor recreational space. More meeting space for students should be created when the science department moves from Combs to the Jepson Science Center, and the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education moves to the Stafford campus," Anderson said.

Also on the list of objectives of MWC 2000 is the recruiting of higher quality applicants. One way of achieving this goal may be to create a National Merit Scholars program at Mary Washington.

"In order to be a National Merit sponsoring institution, each year, for several successive years, MWC will have to enroll a specified number of National Merit Finalists, who are within the top one percent of all scorers on the PSAT," Anderson said.

According to Singleton, having at least a few of the very top PSAT scorers would raise the caliber of all the students at Mary Washington.

"What studies have shown is that having very bright students in the student body raises the level of learning for the entire class. It broadens discussion, and it increases expectations for everybody," Singleton said.

In addition to recruiting higher quality applicants, the board would also like the college to recruit more

international students, according to the new plan.

President Anderson explained how the college is working to achieve this objective.

"The college continues to make a number of efforts to recruit more students, including the publication of a specialized recruitment brochure, participation in an international outreach service and involvement of admissions staff members in international admissions organizations and professional development activities," Anderson said.

Singleton agrees that an increase in international students would also be a welcome addition to the student body of Mary Washington.

"A lot of schools and Mary Washington see value in having international students because it's an opportunity for our students to learn about different cultures and backgrounds," Singleton said.

Another goal of MWC 2000, which greatly affects the students currently at Mary Washington, is the desire to keep more upperclassmen living on campus. However, the administration is not yet certain how to go about achieving this goal, according to President Anderson.

"We are presently at the brainstorming stage, and welcome all ideas students may wish to suggest," Anderson said.

Although MWC 2000 does suggest many new ideas for the future of the college, many of them are ongoing things that have been and will be worked on for many years. Hall stressed that, overall, the administration is not planning any huge, drastic changes.

Mailing Mix-Up Makes Mayhem

By Erin Rodman
Bullet Assistant News Editor

A mysterious envelopes appeared in some Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association members' mail boxes last week. The envelopes, with Office of Residence Life letterheads on them, contained an unattributed six-page discussion of spirituality concerning homosexuality and religion.

The envelopes were supposed to go only to faculty members of the GLBSA discussion group.

"The information was for a faculty reading group," said Cedric Rucker, associate dean of student activities. "It wasn't supposed to go to students."

Confused students who received the packet will receive letters of explanation and apology.

"I have sent out notes to students apologizing about the mix up," said Heather Dilatosh, assistant director of Russell, South, Westmoreland and Bushnell Halls.

Rucker had compiled the packet to be sent out and then passed on the list of recipients to Dilatosh, who then mailed them. However, the faculty list contained some students' names.

The GLBSA membership list is confidential and not used as a mailing list. The students who received packets had attended the faculty and staff GLBSA meeting last spring semester.

"A whole part of GLBSA is that we don't give out stuff through the mail because of the issue of confidentiality," said junior Laura Varlas, who fears something like this could happen again. "Anonymous students want to be able to go to the

source for information, not the source come to them."

Perhaps the most perplexing detail of this misunderstanding are the envelopes from residence life. The envelopes are designated for business concerning the office.

"We have all signed agreements that we would use office supplies only for business never personal," said Keith Pepin, assistant director of Framar and Marshall Halls.

"This isn't anything out of this office," said Ricardo Surita, director of residence life. Surita stated that office supplies are also available to the assistant directors and their assistants.

Assistant director of Ball, Custis, Madison, and Virginia, Julie Ciccarone, was surprised someone used the envelopes to send out information that was not related to residence life.

"I was shocked and appalled to hear about it," Ciccarone said.

Surita stated that the incident was an innocent and unintentional mistake.

"There are faculty, staff and students all over campus involved in campus organizations and this was only a campus organization sending out information," he said.

Surita also stated that the only suggestion he had to make was that in the future it might be useful to always include a cover letter with all campus organization mailed information so recipients will know the purpose of the information.

Dilatosh declined comment about the use of residence life envelopes.

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